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**RE: Request for all versions and copies of Matthew Whitaker's OGE 278e and 278-T forms since 10/1/2017 (Intranet Quorum IMA00137157) JMD # 115282**

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**Matthew Schafer <matthew.schafer@buzzfeed.com>**

Fri, Dec 7, 2018 at 3:35 PM

To: Karen.McFadden@usdoj.gov

Cc: Nabiha Syed <nabiha.syed@buzzfeed.com>, Zoe Tillman <zoe.tillman@buzzfeed.com>

Thank you for the update, Ms. McFadden. We look forward to your response by December 20. Have a good weekend.

On Fri, Dec 7, 2018 at 3:27 PM McFadden, Karen (JMD)

<[Karen.McFadden@usdoj.gov](mailto:Karen.McFadden@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Schafer:

We acknowledge that the request seeks "all versions in the Justice Department's possession of Acting Attorney General Whitaker's financial disclosure reports submitted since October 1, 2017." The request is under review and we will provide a formal response in the coming weeks.

Karen McFadden

FOIA Contact

Justice Management Division

**From:** Matthew Schafer <[matthew.schafer@buzzfeed.com](mailto:matthew.schafer@buzzfeed.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2018 11:02 AM

**To:** McFadden, Karen (JMD) <[kmcfadden@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:kmcfadden@jmd.usdoj.gov)>

**Cc:** Zoe Tillman <[zoe.tillman@buzzfeed.com](mailto:zoe.tillman@buzzfeed.com)>; Nabiha Syed <[nabiha.syed@buzzfeed.com](mailto:nabiha.syed@buzzfeed.com)>

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Ms. McFadden,

I have not yet heard from you. Can you please provide an update? Thank you.

On Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 1:00 PM Matthew Schafer <[matthew.schafer@buzzfeed.com](mailto:matthew.schafer@buzzfeed.com)> wrote:

Thank you for your prompt response, Ms. McFadden, but Ms. Tillman requested "all versions in the Justice Department's possession of Acting Attorney General Whitaker's financial disclosure reports submitted since October 1, 2017." To date she has only received the latest amended version. She has not received all previous versions.

As you know, FOIA requires that your office promptly disclose those prior versions. Should your office wish to resist disclosure, however, FOIA nevertheless requires that your office issue a denial setting forth the exemptions on which your office relies. As you also know, your office has 20 days within which to do so.

We look forward to receiving the records, or absent that to receiving a denial so that we may appeal that decision, and if necessary litigate the issue to compel compliance with FOIA.

Best,

On Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 12:33 PM McFadden, Karen (JMD) <[Karen.McFadden@usdoj.gov](mailto:Karen.McFadden@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Schafer:

Regarding your FOIA request (JMD Tracking Number 115282) we understand that Zoe Tillman has already received the reports.

Karen McFadden

FOIA Contact

Justice Management Division

**From:** Matthew Schafer <[matthew.schafer@buzzfeed.com](mailto:matthew.schafer@buzzfeed.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2018 11:52 AM  
**To:** McFadden, Karen (JMD) <[kmcfadden@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:kmcfadden@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Zoe Tillman <[zoe.tillman@buzzfeed.com](mailto:zoe.tillman@buzzfeed.com)>; Nabiha Syed <[nabiha.syed@buzzfeed.com](mailto:nabiha.syed@buzzfeed.com)>  
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Ms. McFadden,

My name is Matthew Schafer and I am counsel to BuzzFeed News and its reporter Zoe Tillman.

As you know, Ms. Tillman's request seeking "all versions in the Justice Department's possession of Acting Attorney General Whitaker's financial disclosure reports submitted since October 1, 2017" has been routed to your office. You received that request on November 21, and later acknowledged that request on November 26. In that correspondence, you purported to place it in the "complex" queue.

We contest that Ms. Tillman's request is "complex" in nature. As DOJ guidance explains, "Requests that involve a low volume of records or would be relatively simple to review are designated as 'simple' requests, assigned to their own queue, and processed separately from requests that are more complex." Ms. Tillman's request entails only a few records that simply show a compilation of facts, and, as such, it appears your classification violates your own Agency's guidance on this matter. Therefore, we request that you place the request in the "simple" track consistent with this guidance.

We further request, pursuant to FOIA, an estimated date of completion for this request. Whatever the date, we anticipate that it will be within the statutory time limits set forth in FOIA. We take our commitment to FOIA seriously, and require that government agencies follow the letter of the law as enacted by Congress.

Best,

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From: **JMD-FOIA(imailagent)** <[iq.ima@usdoj.gov](mailto:iq.ima@usdoj.gov)>

Date: Mon, Nov 26, 2018, 2:38 PM

Subject: Request for all versions and copies of Matthew Whitaker's OGE 278e and 278-T forms since 10/1/2017 (Intranet Quorum IMA00137157)

To: <[zoe.tillman@buzzfeed.com](mailto:zoe.tillman@buzzfeed.com)>

November 26, 2018

Ms. Zoe Tillman  
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Buzzfeed News  
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Washington, DC 20009-1053

Re: Request for all versions and copies of Matthew Whitaker's OGE 278e and 278-T forms since 10/1/2017

Assigned JMD FOIA TRACKING NUMBER: 115282

Dear Ms. Tillman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request dated 11/21/2018 and received in this office on 11/21/2018 in which you requested records concerning the subject identified above.

For your information, the Justice Management Division assigns incoming requests to one of three tracks: simple, complex, or expedited. Each request is then handled on a first-in, first-out basis in relation to other requests in the same track. Your request for expedited processing is currently under review. Simple requests usually receive a response in approximately one month whereas complex requests necessarily take longer. At this time, your request has been assigned to the **Complex** track. Please note that as a general matter, records in the Department are decentralized and our response will only cover information originating with or relating to JMD. If you are seeking information originating with or relating to other components of the Department, please make a FOIA request directly to those components.

If you have a question about the status of your FOIA request, you may contact this office by emailing [JMDFOIA@usdoj.gov](mailto:JMDFOIA@usdoj.gov) or by calling 202-514-3101 during regular

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business hours (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time, excluding federal holidays).

Please refer to your assigned JMD FOIA TRACKING NUMBER listed above whenever you contact the Department regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Karen E. McFadden  
FOIA Contact  
Justice Management Division

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